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Excerpt.

In response to inquiries from correspondents in regard to reports of the bombing of Chungking on June 12, the Secretary of State said that according to information which has reached the Department from official and unofficial sources, Chungking has been extensively bombed on each of several recent days and on June 12 was intensively and indiscriminately bombed by more than one hundred Japanese planes; that casualties of June 12 among the civil populace will probably number several hundred; that various buildings of the American Methodist Mission, including a church, were damaged by concussion;
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Foreign Relations I, p. 690.

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THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN JAPAN (GREW) TO THE
JAPANESE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MATSUOKA)

Excerpts.

No. 1630

TOKYO, September 13, 1940.

EXCELLENCY: I have the honor to apprise Your Excellency that I have received a report through the American Embassy at Chungking that on August 10, 1940, the Lewis Memorial Church of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in that city, an American institution, was completely destroyed by fire resulting from incendiary bombs during the course of a series of raids upon Chungking by Japanese airplanes.

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I must add in this connection, lest it be thought that this case of repeated bombing of the same American property in China is unique, that the instance of multiple Japanese bombings of the same American properties in China have been numerous.

I have the honor to enter a most emphatic protest on behalf of my Government against this renewed attack upon the property of the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Chungking; to request that Your Excellency be good enough to furnish me a prompt report upon this latest flagrant case; to reserve all rights on behalf of the American citizens and property involved; and to point out once more, as I have on many previous occasions to Your Excellency's predecessors, the grave risk to the lives of American citizens in Chungking and in other parts of China entailed by these ruthless Japanese air bombings the damage of which to the property of American nationals alone is sufficient evidence of their indiscriminate character.

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Foreign Relations I, pp. 695-696

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